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ment of men to battle appears to be just one of half a dozen tactics used in the Communists' greatest offensive of the war. This began in late October and is continuing.

The most experienced observers say that the Reds' firepower and willingness to sacrifice troops point to the most significant factor in 1967: An apparent Hanoi decision to launch a fight-to-the-finish struggle.

To this purpose the Communists are sending men and supplies openly down the Ho Chi Minh and Sihanouk trails into the South despite a fantastic bombing campaign. By December, the United States had dropped more bombs on North and South Vietnam than it dumped on Europe in World War II—about 100 pounds of explosives for every man, woman and child in the two Vietnams.

The Communists have placed Westmoreland and his allies in what could well be a critical position in 1968.

Increased intensity in the conventional war has overshadowed the pacification program. Winning the hearts and minds of the population had to suffer while the allies stemmed Communist troops slipping into the Dak To hills and across the DMZ.

The commitment of allied troops to the borders and away from the people may have fulfilled an enemy aim. If this was the plan, it succeeded to a large degree in the 1st Corps region.

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tax on telephone service.

The present Social Security tax rate of 4.4 per cent on the first \$6,600 income means a total payment of no more than \$290.40 for both the employee and his employer.

It would have remained unchanged next year had Congress not approved earlier this month an increase in both benefits and the tax schedule. The maximum payment next year will now be \$343.20.

This is now scheduled to rise to a maximum \$460.20 by 1987 when the tax rate will be 5.9 per cent on both employee and employer.

For 1968, the same amount of tax will be deducted from weekly paychecks but it will be extended over a longer period.

Persons earning more than \$6,600 will feel a bigger bite in take-home pay after Jan. 1. They have paid no Social Security tax in 1967 since their earnings exceeded \$6,600. They will begin paying again after the first of the year.

Meanwhile, the Internal Revenue Service said it will begin this week to mail instruction booklets and forms for 1967 income tax returns. All taxpayers should receive their forms by Jan. 5, IRS said. The deadline for filing a tax return is next April 15.

Weather
Experiment Sta-

tion report for 24-hours ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday, High 42, Low 21

Forecast

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ARKANSAS — Mostly cloudy tonight with occasional snow or snow flurries north and rain mixed with snow but changing to snow in south ending from the west tonight. Snow accumulations two to four inches north portions and one to two inches south portions. Continued cold tonight and clearing and colder Thursday. Low tonight 14 north-west to 28 southeast.

Weather Elsewhere

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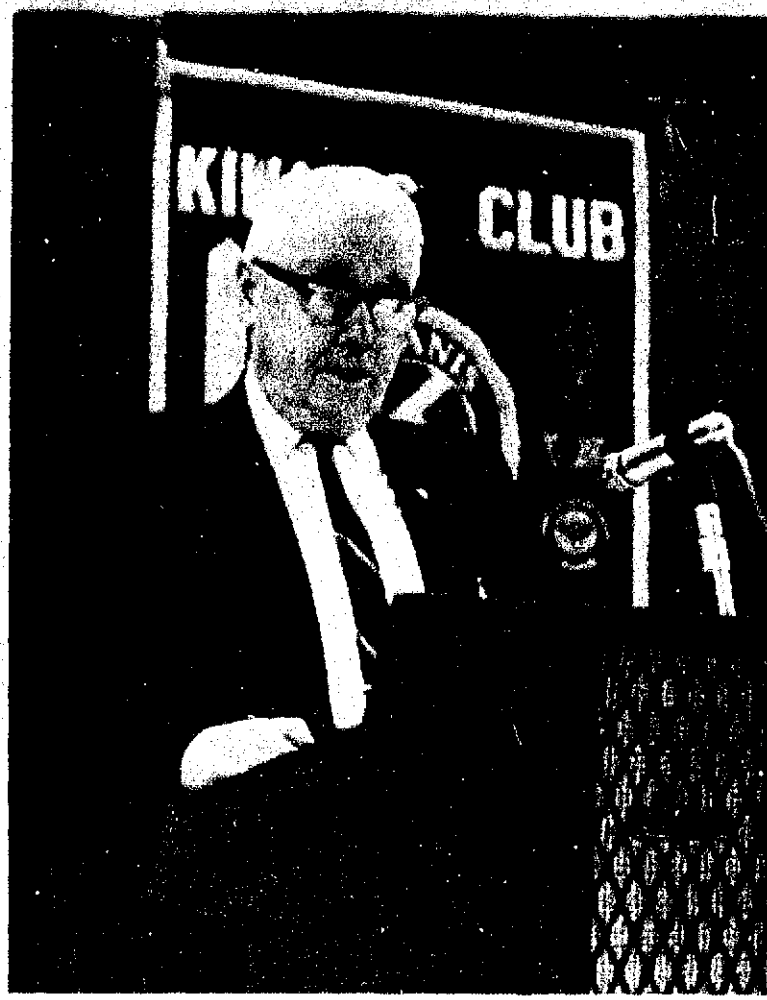
	High	Low
Albany, clear	36	5
Albuquerque, clear	45	34
Atlanta, clear	47	24
Bismarck, snow	12	-18
Boise, rain	49	31
Boston, cloudy	42	18
Buffalo, snow	27	15
Chicago, cloudy	15	8
Cincinnati, clear	25	12
Cleveland, snow	24	8
Denver, clear	42	-3
Des Moines, snow	22	18
Detroit, clear	20	5
Fairbanks, snow	13	8
Fort Worth, rain	48	37
Helena, cloudy	32	6
Honolulu, clear	80	63
Indianapolis, cloudy	20	11
Jacksonville, clear	64	40
Juneau, rain	34	31
Kansas City, snow	35	25
Los Angeles, clear	77	53
Louisville, clear	30	16
Memphis, cloudy	37	24
Miami, cloudy	76	60
Milwaukee, clear	15	7
Minneapolis, clear	18	-4
New Orleans, cloudy	57	39
New York, cloudy	40	24
Oklahoma City, cloudy	40	28
Omaha, cloudy	22	17
Philadelphia, cloudy	40	22
Phoenix, clear	65	39
Pittsburgh, clear	33	12
Pitts., Me., clear	40	11
Pitts., Ore., rain	52	46
Rapid City, clear	28	0
Richmond, cloudy	49	26
St. Louis, cloudy	31	19
Salt Lk. City, cloudy	39	33
San Diego, clear	70	50
San Fran., clear	74	62
Seattle, cloudy	50	48
Tampa, clear	69	57
Washington, cloudy	43	26
Winnipeg, clear	-2	-14

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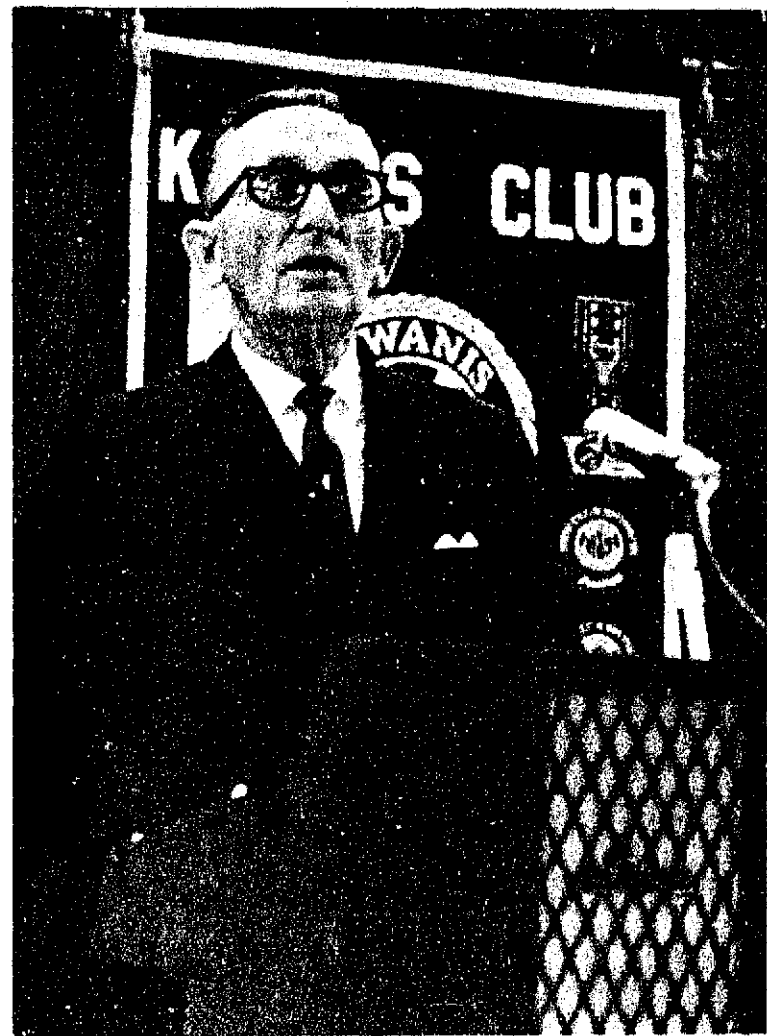
CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — Dr. Marshall T. Steel, president of Hendrix College here, said Tuesday that former Gov. Ben Laney of Camden had presented the school with a \$45,000 endowment.

Steel said \$10,000 would be used for ministerial scholarships, \$10,000 for scholarships in general and \$25,000 for fine arts programs.

Discuss Chamber of Commerce Work



B. N. HOLT



— Henry Haynes photo with Star Camera
GUY GRIGG

Secretary - Manager of Hope Chamber of Commerce, B. N. Holt, was speaker at yesterday's

meeting of the Kiwanis Club. He reviewed some of the organization's accomplishments during 1967 and explained that the Chamber is now the Hope-Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce in action as well as in name.

Guy Grigg, Chamber President, spoke briefly about plans for the new year.

Peace Corps Leaving Gabon by Request

WASHINGTON (AP) — After four years the Peace Corps will pull its volunteers out of Gabon at the request of the government of that West African nation.

A corps spokesman said Tuesday no reason was given by the Gabonese for the request. But he said the government expressed "sincere thanks" for the corps' work.

"We go to a country at the invitation of the host government, and whenever a government wishes us to leave, we do so willingly," said the spokesman.

At present there are 41 men and 11 women volunteers in the Colorado-sized, French-speaking nation. In the Peace Corps' seven-year history, volunteers have been withdrawn from six other countries—Guinea, Mauritania, Cyprus, Ceylon, Indonesia and Pakistan.

Carrier Now Floating TV Station

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The U.S. aircraft carrier Yorktown is now a floating television station, the Navy League of the United States said today.

A project sponsored by the Beverly Hills council of the league has equipped the giant carrier to relay popular television programs to some 4,500 men throughout the ship and on destroyers in her antisubmarine task force.

Although all U.S. carriers have closed-circuit television systems to monitor the flight deck, the Yorktown is the first Navy ship to broadcast television news and entertainment while at sea, the league said.

Several hundred thousand dollars of equipment the council purchased or borrowed includes cameras, transmitter, videotape

Penal Report Nearly Ready

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The report prepared by the state Penitentiary Study Commission is being printed now and will be turned over to Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller and members of the legislature Saturday, the chairman of the commission said Tuesday.

Circuit Judge Andrew Ponder of Newport said it would be up to the governor as to whether the commission's recommendations will be made public before the report is submitted to the General Assembly.

The commission report is expected to be high on Rockefeller's priority list for the special legislative session he plans to call in February.

Wants Meet of Yemen Peace Group

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Ismail Khairallah called today for an urgent meeting of the three-nation Yemen peace committee "in view of the deteriorating situation in the Yemen."

Khairallah appealed to the warring Yemeni Republicans and Royalists to stop hostilities and urged "all nations" not to interfere in Yemen's internal affairs.

The foreign minister's statement was broadcast by Baghdad radio, which said Khairallah was on his way to Cairo.

A second member of the committee, Foreign Minister Ahmad Laraki of Morocco, was on his way to Damascus to talk with Syrian officials about the coming Arab summit conference, while the commission's chairman, Sudanese Premier Ahmed Mahgoub, is in Khartoum.

Khairallah said the two other members had agreed the committee should meet immediately.

Several hundred thousand dollars of equipment the council purchased or borrowed includes cameras, transmitter, videotape

system, 150 receivers and numerous program tapes.

Obituaries

VICK DENNIS

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Vick Dennis, 85, who died December 25 at Magnolia. He was a lifelong resident of Columbia County.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Cecil Dennis of Magnolia, formerly of Hope, Grady Dennis of Dallas and a daughter, Mrs. Arlene Stamps of Magnolia and a brother, Robert W. Dennis of Magnolia.

B. F. PRESLEY

Benjamin F. Presley of Texarkana died early last night in a Texarkana hospital. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Texarkana, Ark., a member of the Elks, and a retired realtor.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. T. J. Lee of Oklahoma City; Mrs. R. N. Stewart of Texarkana; and three sisters, Mrs. Ollie Spradlin of Okoloma, Mrs. Malcolm Johnson, and Mrs. A. M. Yarbrough of Gardon.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Oakcrest Chapel. Burial will be at Center Grove Cemetery near Okoloma.

Officiating minister will be Tom Adkinson. Pall bearers will be Edward Lee, Jerry Presley, Robert Stewart, Larry White, E. C. White, and J. C. Knight under the direction of Oakcrest Funeral Home.

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Harvey L. Miller, 73, a former president and executive secretary of the National Boxing Association, died Tuesday. Miller coached the boxing team and was director of publications and publicity at the University of Maryland in the late 1940s and early 1950s. His career included boxing as an amateur and later refereeing pro, amateur and collegiate bouts in the East and South.

CHICAGO (AP) — Laurence H. Bauer, 67, retired owner of what is now the Bauer and Black Division of the Kendall Co., died Monday. His father

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lems in your own words." "Well," said the fat man, roasting. "I have several worries. To begin with, I've got my plant working so well the toys are piling up—in a word I'm suffering from overproduction. Also, my reindeer are complaining of lack of exercise. They think only ride around the world a year, isn't enough to keep them in shape."

"And so—?" "And so," continued the fat man, "What I had in mind was maybe riding around the world more often, say once a month, and giving presents to everybody."

"Once a month?" The psychiatrist looked startled and a bit unnerved. Then, recovering his professional air, he asked, "Well, why don't you?"

"Because the grown-ups wouldn't like it," said the fat man glumly. "The children of the world would like me to come and leave them a present every night, but a lot of their parents are annoyed now when I show up once a year. If I came more often they would start putting bear traps in their chimneys."

"What I'd like you to do, Doc, is tell me how I can improve my image with adults."

Speaking very carefully, Dr. Cortex said this was a matter that would require further thought. He suggested a future appointment, and the fat man left, looking very unhappy.

and brother founded Bauer and Black, a surgical dressing manufacturer acquired by the Kendall Co. in 1929.

GLoucester, Va. (AP) — Webster S. Rhoads Jr., 59, board chairman of Garfinkel, Brooks Brothers and Miller & Rhoads Inc., died Tuesday, apparently of a heart attack that preceded an auto crash. Rhoads was board chairman of Miller & Rhoads, one of Virginia's largest department store chains, before its consolidation earlier this year with Julius Garfinkel & Co. of Washington.

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SOCIETY

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Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Hope Country Club Holiday Dance for students in the 11th and 12th grades and college will be held Thursday, December 28 from 8 to 12 p.m. Each club member may invite one guest and one guest couple. Music will be by the Zonks, and admission is \$1 per couple.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

The annual New Year's Eve dance will be held at the Country Club Saturday evening, Dec. 30 beginning at 9:00.

A contribution of \$5 will be requested of each couple in order to cover the expense of a combo.

Table reservation may be made by calling Mrs. Robert Mores at PR7-5548.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

The Alpha Delta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, will meet Tuesday, January 2 at 4 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Louise Fuller with Mrs. Verda Marsh and Mrs. Phoebe Perkins, co-hostesses.

BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

On Saturday, December 23 Miss Connie Goble of Mt. Ida, who will become the bride of Johnny Anthony Wednesday, December 27, was honored with a luncheon at the Heritage House by Mrs. Joe P. Watkins.

Miss Goble was attired in a tangerine and cream-colored frock and planned a corsage of white carnations at her shoulder. The dining area was festive with Yuletide decorations.

Covers were laid for 10, including the mothers of the engaged couple, Mrs. Willis Gresson of Mt. Ida and Mrs. Graydon Anthony. The hostess presented a gift of silver to the honoree.

GOBLE-ANTHONY REHEARSAL DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. William Rounton entertained the Goble-Anthony wedding party with a rehearsal dinner Tuesday, December 26 at the Mt. Ida Cafe in Mt. Ida. The quartet tables were decorated with white tapers, white peonies, roses, and greenery. Cards with interlocking wedding bands marked the places for 35.

The bride's table was centered with an open Bible and a miniature bride and groom as

well as candles and beau de sole roses. Miss Goble was presented a corsage of white roses. The engaged couple chose this time to present gifts to members of their wedding party.

Coming, Going

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wirskey and family, Richardson, Tex., spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawthorne.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Joy, Jr. and family, Memphis, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Joy at Patmos.

Mrs. Clyde Zinn and Mrs. W. W. Compton went to Sheridan for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Compton and two children.

Dale Zinn, University of Oklahoma, was here last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Clyde Zinn, and other relatives.

The Don Oglesby family, Havana, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Orville Oglesby.

Mrs. Riley Lewallen and Mrs. Velma Collier returned home Friday from Hot Springs and a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Browning.

The Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Sorrells, North Little Rock, have gone back home after a Christmas visit with the Jim Robertson family.

Holiday guests of the Lacie Rows were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rowe and Pam, Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rowe, East Lansing, Mich. The Phillip Rows are returning to Hope Wednesday for a few more days in Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McClanahan and family, Dallas, and Miss Dell McClanahan went to Ft. Smith Christmas to see Mrs. Gus McClanahan and Mr. and Mrs. Gus McClanahan, Jr. Then, they went to Ozark to see Mr. and Mrs. Billy Frank Simpkins and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Miller, Jr. and children, Indianapolis, Ind., spent last Friday and Saturday with Mrs. G. A. Hobbs and Mrs. H. R. Hollingsworth. All went to Dallas for Christmas

To Make Debut



LYNDA LU MALONE

BERGSTROM AFB, Tex. — Seven young women will be the first debutantes to make their debut at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Saturday evening, Dec. 29. The debutantes will be presented at the Snowflake Ball to the general membership of the Officers Open Mess and to distinguished guests.

The young ladies meeting the Debutante Committee qualifications are: Misses Janice Lynn Gough, 19, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. William G. Gough; Ellen Wright Hooper, 19, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) and Mrs. William T. Hooper; J. Kathleen C. Javurek, 21, daughter of Major and Mrs. James Javurek; Lana Kay Jordan, 19, daughter of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Jordan; Lamalee Leslie Victoria Lewis, 17, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Frank L. Lewis; Lynda Lu Malone, 20, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Frank C. Malone; and E. Kristyn Wachholz, 18, daughter of Major and Mrs. Edward R. Wachholz.

Miss Malone has lived in Turkey, Germany and France. She is a sophomore sociology student at Trinity University in San Antonio.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Claudia Hutson and Mrs. with Dr. and Mrs. George E. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pritchett, Prairie Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McMillan, Rolla, Mo., were here Christmas with Mrs. H. O. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robins' guests Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, Baton Rouge, La.

Judge and Mrs. Lyle Brown and Phyllis, Little Rock, spent Christmas with the Jim Lockhart family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biggett, Shreveport, were here Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rettig.

HOPE (ARK) STAR, Printed by Offset

Thinks Baby Food May Be Contaminated

NEW YORK (AP) — A biologist said today he is worried whether too much nitrogen used in farm fertilizers is getting into store-bought baby foods.

If it is, then certain nitrogen products might be killing some babies, or making others turn blue, he said.

The biologist, Dr. Barry Commoner of Washington University in St. Louis, said he did not know whether this is really happening yet. But he said it should be looked into.

He spoke at a session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on the subject of hazards from radioactive fallout from nuclear tests.

Atomic fallout started a controversy as to what it really was doing or could do to human health, Commoner said.

Many things that man does or invents have unexpected or damaging consequences, he explained. Badly polluted water or air from various sources are one obvious example.

Commoner raised the question whether nitrogen, used now in prodigious amounts to grow more food, could also be harming health.

He said it is well known that nitrogen products from farms—and from city sewage plants as well—can over-fertilize lakes. This can change nature's normal balance in ways that had



HELEN HELP US!

by Helen Bettel

FORMER WIFE COMES BACK TO HAUNT HIM

Dear Helen: My husband snored. That isn't the problem. My former husband snored, and I taught myself to sleep through it.

The problem is Stanley's ex-wife didn't sleep through it. She poked and punched him all night, and he fought back, with hearty kicks. They got to be a reflex with him, he says.

So now, every time I turn over in bed, or throw my arm around him in my sleep, I get a kick that almost knocks me on the floor. Stanley feels terrible about it. I have black and blue marks; they are hard to explain. Sometimes he even pun-

not been predicted, such as a pea-soup type of growth of tiny plants or suffocation of game fish from lack of oxygen.

Maybe, Commoner said, there is a health danger from the increased nitrogen content now in crops and plants.

Nitrate from nitrogen is usually harmless in the body, he explained. But under certain conditions, bacteria in the intestines can change nitrate to nitrite.

If nitrite reaches the bloodstream, it can decrease the ability of hemoglobin to carry oxygen. This could lead to insufficient oxygen, particularly in infants, causing a pale blue appearance, or even death, he said.

ches, and that's worse. Otherwise he's tops as a husband. Outside of twin beds, what's the answer?—BLACK AND BLUE

Dear B and B: Outside of hobbling your husband's ankles and wrists, twin beds are the ONLY answer, unless he can restrain his subconscious.—H.

Dear Helen: Our daughter is 21. When she graduated from high school, she got a good job with a big company. She didn't like her boss, so she quit. She made no attempt to get another job, but stays out till two and three in the morning.

We gave her a new car for graduation. My husband pays the insurance and gas. He gives her \$10 any time she asks for it. Often she hits me up for money too, and I find out later he has already donated. She runs up bills, and we pay them. We are not wealthy, as both of us are on semi-retirement.

She sleeps until afternoon. I wash and iron her clothes, clean up her messes.

My husband seems scared of her. He gives her whatever she wants to keep her living the high life.

Sometimes I think our 12-year-old granddaughter is smarter than we are. She says as long as we give our daughter everything why should she work for it?—HELP

Dear Help: Your granddaugh-

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ter is so right! Why should a lazy girl work when she can work her parents?

Don't lay all the blame on your husband. Who does her laundry, lets her sleep all day—also she'll out when she hits you up for extra cash? If YOU get tough, he may follow your lead. For her sake as well as yours, I hope so!—H.

Dear Helen: As a social worker, I must say that "SMART AND HAPPY'S" elaborate advice on how to prevent husbandly indiscretions and keep him content is immature and superficial. She tinted her hair, updated her appearance, learned how to fish, even rubbed aftershave powder into the pillow cases!

Evidently she considered herself the sole cause of her husband's transgressions, but the man has an equal responsibility for holding a marriage together. COMMUNICATION is the essential. If there is established meaningful communication, they will strive to please each other with considerate understanding that goes deeper than mere outward appearances. Only then will they reap the rewards of a reasonably happy marriage.—COUNSELLOR

Dear Counsellor: Look, my fine flowery social worker, S and H's "immature and superficial" actions paved the way for communication—and after five years the lines are still happily open. Even if the operation was lopsided, the patient lived, and that's the important thing.

Many a wife who tries "talking it out" cold turkey, and neglects the trimmings, ends up "verbalizing" to a lawyer.—H.

LET'S TALK ABOUT MOVIES

By VELDA SEAMANS

Tonight at the Saenger is "EATHOM," all about speeding cars, motor boats and airplanes. Raquel Welch is an American Skydiver, and co-starring with her is Tony Franciosa. Plenty of action, thrills and adventure, so don't miss "Eathom."

"THE ALAMO" shows Fri. & Sat. It is said to be the most expensive and most spectacular motion picture ever produced in the United States, including the production of "Gone With The Wind." John Wayne stars as Davy Crockett and Richard Widmark as Jim Bowie, and Richard Boone as General Santa Houston.

The New Year's show will be at the Dixie Saturday Nite, starting at 7:00 and showing 4 fea-

tures. Open Fri. and Sun. with a double feature.

"St. Valentine's Day Massacre" will show at the Saenger, Late show Sat., then twice Sunday afternoon. Sunday Nite will be the New Year's Eve show beginning at eight. 4 Features, favors and fun for all.

"The St. Valentine's Day Massacre" will show again Monday Afternoon and Nite.

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Hope Star SPORTS

Bing Goes Over 1,000 Pt. Plateau

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Dave Bing is over the 1,000-point plateau and the San Francisco Warriors are over the hump in the National Basketball Association.

Bing, Detroit's sensational sophomore, became the first NBA player to pass the 1,000-point mark this season when he poured in 39 and led the Pistons to a 127-110 victory over St. Louis Tuesday night.

The Warriors, meanwhile, ended a four-year losing streak to Boston, beating the Celtics 117-104. It was San Francisco's first victory after 13 straight losses stretching back to January 29, 1964, at Boston.

In other NBA action Tuesday night, Seattle withstood a fourth-quarter New York rally and shaded the Knicks 137-135, Los Angeles, playing with Jerry West and Elgin Baylor, topped Chicago 104-101, and Philadelphia dropped Cincinnati 126-121.

New Orleans thrashed Anaheim 120-93, Indiana topped New Jersey 117-107, and Denver edged Oakland 102-95 in the American Basketball Association.

Bing, the NBA's leading scorer, also had nine assists as the Pistons pulled away to a 28-point lead in the first half against the Hawks. Bill Bridges led St. Louis with 37 points.

The Pistons, running third in the Eastern Division after finishing last season, attracted 10,804—their largest home crowd in four years.

Jeff Mullins and Rudy LaRusso hit a flurry of nine field goals that erased a four-point Boston lead and lifted San Francisco in front of the Celtics to stay in the third period.

Mullins hit five baskets and LaRusso four, all from long range, as the Warriors jumped into a 78-71 lead and ended a seven-game Boston winning streak. Mullins finished with 32 points and LaRusso had 27.

Walt Hazzard dropped in six free throws in the final seconds preserving Seattle's victory over New York. The Knicks tied an NBA record by scoring 53 points in the fourth quarter, almost erasing a 23-point Super-Sonic lead in the final 10 minutes.

But Hazzard, who had 37 points and 17 assists, kept New York at bay with his flawless foul shooting in the last minute.

The Lakers had to play without Baylor, who had the flu, and

Basketball

Pro Basketball
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NBA

Tuesday's Results
San Fran. 117, Boston 104
Detroit 127, St. Louis 110
Seattle 137, New York 135
Philadelphia 126, Cincinnati 121
Los Angeles 104, Chicago 101

Today's Games
Los Angeles at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at New York, afternoon
Boston at St. Louis

Thursday's Games
San Francisco vs. Cincinnati at Cleveland
San Diego at Seattle

ABA

Tuesday's Results
Denver 102, Oakland 95
Indiana 117, New Jersey 107
New Orleans 120, Anaheim 93

Today's Games
Denver at Houston
Anaheim at New Orleans
Pittsburgh at Kentucky

Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Denver
Anaheim at Houston
Dallas at Indiana
New Orleans at Minnesota

Henderson, AM&N Gain Finals

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas AM&N and Henderson State earned berths in tonight's finals of the Kiwanis Invitational Basketball Tournament here as the Golden Lions trounced Hendrix 93-79 and the Reddies edged Arkansas A&M 93-81 Tuesday night.

AM&N, which defeated Henderson 84-80 earlier in the season, led Hendrix 41-37 at the half and started increasing its margin early in the second half.

Henderson led A&M 49-40 at the half and was ahead 87-70 before a closing flurry by A&M.

West, out with a back injury, but got 24 points from Archie Clark to take up the scoring slack.

Los Angeles blew an 11-point lead in the fourth period, but baskets by Dennis Hamilton and Gail Goodrich in the final one half minute pulled it out for LA. Chet Walker scored eight of Philadelphia's last 10 points as the 76ers held off Cincinnati. The victory moved the 76ers one half game ahead of Boston in the Eastern Division although Philadelphia trails the Celtics by eight percentage points.

Walker finished with 26 points and Hal Greer had 23 for the 76ers. Oscar Robertson had 32—27 in the second half—for the Royals.

Young Lions Fill Gap for Columbia

By DICK COUCH
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Columbia's Dave Newmark, caught between the flu bug and a collapsing zone defense, felt a little less than seven feet tall.

But supersophomore McMillan and the other young Lions were in orbit after their impressive debut in the Holiday Festival basketball tournament.

Newmark and McMillan each will have to be sky-high, however, when Columbia tries to bring down towering Westley Unseld and the resurgent Louisville Cardinals in the semifinals of the 16th annual Madison Square Garden classic.

West Virginia's zone limited flu-plagued Newmark to one rebound and two baskets Tuesday night, but McMillan popped in 40 points as the Lions ousted the Mountaineers 98-71 in a first-round game.

Unseld, Louisville's 6-8 All-American, then grabbed 20 rebounds, scored 21 points and teamed with his shooting Butch Beard and Marv Sely to lead the Cardinals past LaSalle 97-71.

Columbia and Louisville clash in Thursday night's semifinal doubleheader, which also pits St. John's, N.Y., against 10th-ranked Boston College in a rematch of their earlier meeting—won by the Johnnies 91-90 in overtime.

Boston College ripped Penn State 87-58 and St. John's topped Syracuse 60-55 in a Tuesday afternoon twin bill.

Boston College's Terry Driscoll reeled off 10 of his 19 points early in the second half as the Eagles pulled away from cold-blooded Penn State. Jack Kvanec and Driscoll each scored six points in a 14-2 burst that opened the Eagles' 38-27 halftime lead to a commanding 52-29 bulge.

Rudy Bogard, St. John's 6-8 pivotman, broke loose for eight key points in a second-half rally that carried the Redmen to their seventh victory in eight starts. Sophomore Joe DePre topped the winners with 13 points. Bogard had 12, and Mike Rowland and Richie Jackson 10 apiece.

The Quaker City Classic and the Rainbow Classic begin tonight at Philadelphia and Honolulu. The first round pairings at Philadelphia are Penn-Wisconsin, Temple-Providence, Arizona-St. Francis, Pa., and Villanova-Duquesne.

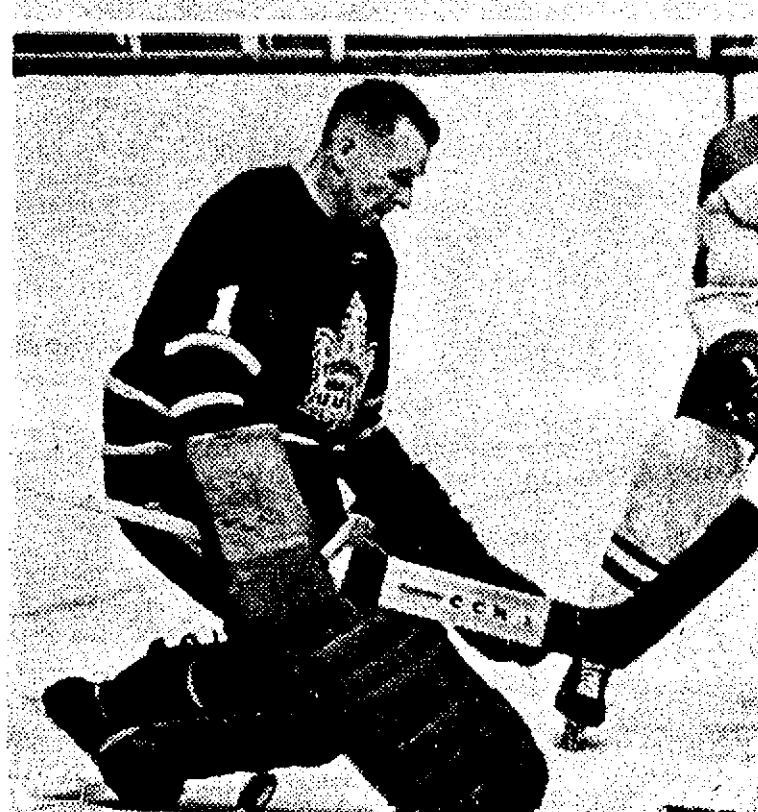
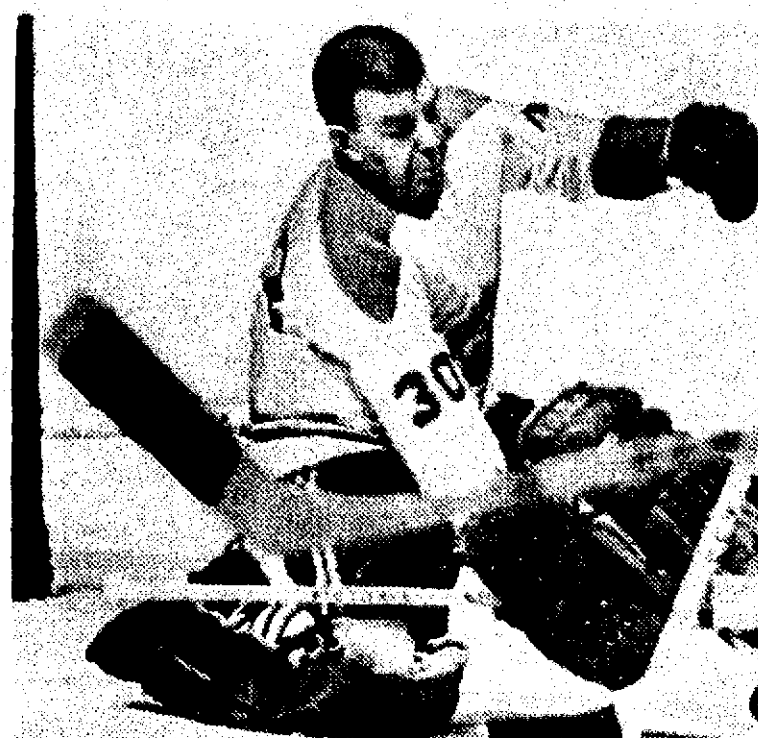
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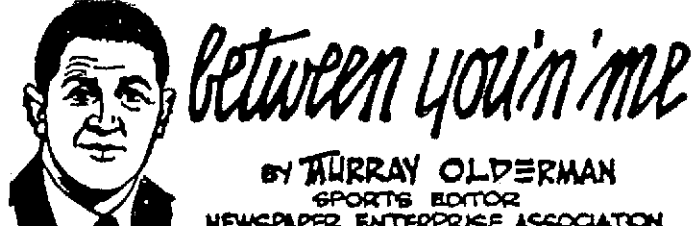
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Today's Games
Montreal at Toronto
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Chicago at Boston
Oakland at Pittsburgh
Los Angeles at St. Louis

Old Goalies 'Skade' Away . . .



HERE ARE four examples of the longevity of outstanding goalies, the oldest in the National Hockey League: At left, (top) Gump Worsley, Montreal, 38; (bottom) Johnny Bower, Toronto, 44; right (top) Glen Hall, St. Louis, 36; (bottom) Terry Sawchuk, Los Angeles, 38. Perhaps they will all one day just melt away.



Between you'n'me
By MURRAY OLDERMAN
SPORTS EDITOR
NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

The St. Louis Hawks will tell you, and coach Richie Guerin doesn't mind a bit, that they play better basketball without Richie in the lineup. Last year they felt impelled to look for Richie, now retired, when he was playing backcourt. This year they're getting the ball into the big man, Zelmo Beaty.

Zelmo sounds like an odd name until he explains it. He has a twin brother, Elmo. They needed something euphonic to go with it.

Looking ahead to the pro grid merger finalization in '70, let's come up with a combined all-pro team for this season. The best in the NFL and AFL would line up something like this. Johnny Unitas heads the offense at quarterback, with Gale Sayers at halfback, Jim Nance (AFL) at fullback. Pat John Mackey at right end, Charley Taylor at split end and Lance Alworth (AFL) at flanker. On the offensive line, place Jim Otto (AFL) at center, Gene Hickerson and Howard Mudd guards, Ernie McMillan and Ron Mix (AFL) tackles.

On the defensive unit, Deacon Jones would combine with Buck Buchanan (AFL) at the ends, Merlin Olsen and Bob Lilly at tackles, Dick Butkus at middle linebacker, Dave Robinson and Mike Stratton (AFL) at the corners, Bob Jeter and Kent McCloughan (AFL) at the corner backs, and Larry Wilson teaming with Johnny Robinson (AFL) at safety. That's a 14-8 margin for the NFL, a logical ratio.

The poetic endeavors of Tom Meschery of the Seattle Super Sonics lead to all kinds of phras. "How's your poetry, sweetie?" Which puzzles Tom because, he says, in other countries a poet is regarded as "a very strong, virile, manly type."

Meschery also has a beautiful analogy between poetry and basketball. "I see poetry in all things," Carl Sandberg said once. "When will the poet and the machinist get together?" Certainly, the poet's poetry in sports. Most important, there's poetry in basketball because it's a love of mine. I'm having a great big love affair with the game of basketball. I see a great deal of poetry and a great deal of inspiration in playing the sport.

But still, when some stranger asks Tom what he does to relax, he starts out with, "Now don't laugh, but—" He's hoping to have a collection of his poems published in book form after the first of the year.

Think the Yankee image isn't changing? They've even got a gal now working up in Yankee Stadium promoting baseball. She's Carl Blanka, whose dad was once a halfback for the old Cleveland Indians. And Carl was a championship swimmer himself until she missed making the '56 Olympic team by 1/10 of a second and retired at the age of 16. She went to Sweetbriar, the Yale drama school and worked for Bud Wilkinson's sports foundation before coming to CBS and graduating to the Yankee front office. Besides escorting ball players to public functions, she's also in charge of all those extra hostesses at the stadium.

Gail's claim to baseball fame: "I ate more hot dogs than any body in the North American hemisphere last summer." While watching every Yankee home game. When she got the job a year ago, her dad presented her with an appropriate Christmas present—an infielder's mitt and a baseball.

Between you'n'me, that suddenly sprouting crop of hair on the head of Joe Pepton could be the result of a hair piece he stole when nobody's looking.

Joe Has Worries — East and South

By TOMMY THOMAS
NEA Sports Writer

NEW YORK (NEA) — The Lambert Trophy doesn't appear all that impressive to football fans in Tuscaloosa, Ala., or Laramie, Wyo., but in State College, Pa., it's a big deal. And a good reason for the Touchdown Club of New York to throw a luncheon.

Penn State is the recipient of this season's trophy, emblematic of college football supremacy in the East. In a few days the Nittany Lions will try to prove they're also the best team in the Gator Bowl.

Joe Paterno, the Lions' personable head man who graduated from Brown in 1960 and stepped into the coaching profession that same year, is concerned about the future of Eastern football.

"We're on the threshold of going one way or another," he said after accepting the Lambert prize. "We're to the point where college ball up here is either going to make big strides or take a setback. I think it's important to develop winning attitudes in kids if we are to survive as a nation."

Not just in football but in the classroom and other areas, too. "I hope we can all get hold of the situation and realize that competition and recognition for a good job is what young people need."

People are pretty much about these things in the East. But I can tell you we're proud we won the Lambert Trophy even though we don't get that much recognition around the country. When I was a kid in Brooklyn I was the best hand ball player on 26th Street. That didn't carry much weight in California but I was proud of it.

Paterno feels that with only five teams playing consistently top notch football—Army, Navy, Syracuse, LSU and Penn State—there's more chance for a post-war in the East. He would like to see some of the other school powerhouses in the past years turn to serious-minded football.

He points out that Army, Syracuse and his own team were all 8-2 this season and lost a total of two intercollegiate games. Penn State had a perfect 10-0 record and dropped a 1-pointer to UCLA. The Lions went on to win seven straight.

Penn State annually plays a rugged cross country schedule and that's the way Paterno likes it. And he emphatically

says he'd welcome competition for the Lambert Trophy. Maybe he could use it. Penn State hasn't had a losing season in 29 years.

As for the Gator Bowl, Florida State boasts the nation's No. 2 total offense leader in quarterback Kim Hammond. Paterno thinks it could be the best bowl match of the season and calls the passing combination of Hammond and All-American end Ron Sellers "as good as any I've ever seen in college football."

Paterno has a couple of able offensive stars himself in quarterback Tom Sherman, sixth in total offense, and All-American end Ted Kwalick. The Penn State coach is optimistic about the Lions' chances, which is in keeping with his theory to go anywhere and play any team in the country.

And when it comes time for the coin flip Joe will probably choose to defend the Eastern goal.

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Thinks the Packers Will Shape Up

By TOMMY THOMAS
NEA Sports Writer
The Packers are shaping up to be a pretty good team this year. They're not the Packers of the past, but they're not the Packers of the future either. They're the Packers of the present.

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Top Punter Suspended by LSU

By BEN THOMAS
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — With the Sugar Bowl just five days off, Louisiana State's football team today found itself minus No. 1 fullback Eddie Ray, the Southeastern Conference's top punter.

Coach Charlie McClendon quickly shifted personnel around to fill the gap while Wyoming Coach Lloyd Eaton, whose unbeaten and untied Cowboys battle LSU in the 34th Sugar Bowl Classic here New Year's Day, told sports writers: "I know Eddie Ray's loss is a great blow to LSU, but they've got such tremendous depth and so many fine backs that I don't know if it will really make a big difference."

McClendon informed his squad Tuesday that Ray, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound soph from Vicksburg, Miss., had been suspended from school.

"This is a terrific setback both to Eddie and to our football team," said McClendon. "However, I want it understood that I defend the action that Eddie took that brought about his suspension. There will be many, many mothers and fathers proud of this action."

The suspension was ordered by the University Disciplinary Committee, which never discloses its reasons.

"I know Wyoming's jumping up and down for joy to know that that big ball's not going to be there," McClendon said in a telephone interview from the Baton Rouge campus.

McClendon declined to discuss the suspension, but it was learned that the action came as a result of Ray voluntarily confessing a classroom mistake.

Buccaneers Just Win More Games

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The American Basketball Association has started doing things double, but the New Orleans Buccaneers still have lost less than half as many games as half of the other teams in the league.

The Bucs were part of the ABA's first regular season doubleheader Tuesday night and trampled the Anaheim Amigos 120-93 for their 25th victory against nine defeats.

New Jersey, Kentucky, Oakland, Houston and Anaheim have lost more than twice as many times.

New Jersey's latest loss came in the second game of that doubleheader in Indianapolis, a 117-107 defeat by Indiana.

In the only other ABA game, Denver stopped Oakland 102-95. Doug Moe, the league's fifth highest scorer, led the Bucs with 26 points while Larry Brown contributed 13 points and six assists. The victory also increased New Orleans' Western Division lead to eight games over Dallas.

Another Brown, Roger, sparked Indiana with 25 points, and Jerry Barkness added 21 before the crowd of 5,950.

The Packers led by only 50-73 at halftime but raced to a 109-90 bulge halfway through the fourth quarter behind Brown, Barkness and Bob Netelicky.

Byron Beck helped power Denver past Oakland, grabbing 17 rebounds in the second half during which the Rockets came from behind, Oakland led at the half 56-46. Larry Jones led Denver with 24 points while Larry Verne, Earl, the league's top scorer, poured in 25 for the Oakland.

In the National Basketball Association, Detroit trounced St. Louis 127-116, San Francisco shipped a 117-104, Seattle outlasted New York 137-135, Los Angeles shipped Chicago 104-101 and Philadelphia drew Cincinnati 126-121.

SOLUNAR TABLES

By JOE HARRALDEN KNIGHT

The Solunar Tables, printed below, has been taken from Richard Allen Knight's "SOLUNAR TABLES." Plan your day so that you will be fishing in good territory during the best periods of the solunar cycle. If you wish to find the best spot that each day has to offer.

The Major Periods are shown in boldface type. These begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours, thereafter, the Minor Periods, shown in regular type, are of some what shorter duration.

The Central Standard Time.

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22	Thursday	1:25	8:15	2:10	8:45
23	Friday	7:35	9:10	2:50	9:45
24	Saturday	6:15	10:10	3:10	10:40
25	Sunday	7:55	11:10	4:10	11:40

Hoopie Sees Even Split for Form Players and Long Shot Pickers in Bowl Classics

By MAJORAMOS B. HOOPLE
Pigskin Prophet

Egad, friends, what a week-end this will be on the collegiate bowl fronts.

The Bowl Committees, as usual, have done an outstanding job of matchmaking!

In the top attractions no less than six of the first seven clubs in the national rankings will perform: Southern California (1), Tennessee (2), Oklahoma (3), Wyoming (5), Indiana (6), and Alabama (7). Only Notre Dame (4), which has a University imposed rule against post season games, is missing.

For the past fortnight your faithful correspondent and his staff have been reviewing the strong points and weaknesses of the contestants and we've arrived at some startling conclusions—um-kumph!

The Hoople System confidently proclaims—hak-kaff—there will be no less than three upsets!

Here is how we see the contests:

GATOR BOWL

Dec. 30, Jacksonville, Fla. Penn St. 22, Florida St. 20. With both of these fine teams sporting seven-game winning streaks this promises to be a very close contest all the way. Tom Sherman of Penn St. and Florida State's Kim Hammond like to put the ball in the air and the resultant fireworks should be a joy to behold. We see the Nittany Lions taking home victory by a scant two points.

SUN BOWL

Dec. 30, El Paso, Texas. Texas, El Paso 27, Miss. 23. Ole Miss is in for a big sur-



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prise as the eight-point underdog Miners unleash their potent offense. Bobby Dobbs' Texans led the nation in scoring, averaging 35.9 points per game, and in forward passing, compiling 301 yards per contest.

ROSE BOWL
Jan. 1, Pasadena, Calif. So. Calif. 28, Indiana 22. The Daddy of the Bowl games matches No. 1 U.S.C. and sixth-ranked Indiana, pride of the Big Ten. In a game that will go pretty much according to form, O. J. Simpson will lead a second-half charge to subdue the Cinderella team from Hoosierland.

ORANGE BOWL
Jan. 1, Miami, Fla. Oklahoma 25, Tenn. 21. Premier Bowl attraction of the '67 season pits No. 2 Vols and No. 3 Sooners under the lights in Miami. I predict it will be lights-out for the Tennessee.

COTTON BOWL
Jan. 1, Dallas, Texas. Alabama 31, Texas A&M 12. Manin DeStreit, our Texas stringer, says it will be a happy homecoming for Alabama's pigskin genius Bear Bryant as he brings his Crimson Tide to Dallas to meet A&M, a team he once coached. I predict it will be a long day for the brilliant Edd Hargett and his Aggie cohorts as the seventh-rated Tide rolls to an easy triumph.

lads as Oklahoma's huskies defeat the Volunteers, who will enter the game favored by one touchdown.

SUGAR BOWL
Jan. 1, New Orleans, La. Wyoming 28, L.S.U. 23. Wyoming's Cowboys, only undefeated (10-0) major eleven in 1967, will prove its No. 5 ranking is no fluke by edging the odds-on Tigers. Keep your eyes on Wyoming's Paul Toscano, who has passed and galloped for a grand total of 1915 yards and 22 TDs this season.

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Retreads Really Help the Raiders

NEW YORK (AP) — Two retreads who helped Oakland win its first American Football League Western Division title this season, led statistical races as well.

Figures released by the AFL today showed veteran place kicker George Blanda winning the scoring crown with 116 points and quarterback Daryle Lamonica finishing first among the league's passers.

Blanda, cast off by Houston before the season, hooked on with the Raiders and kicked 20 of 30 field goal attempts and 56 of 57 conversion attempts, finishing eight points ahead of Kansas City's kicking specialist, Jan Stenerud.

Lamonica, who was a bench-warmer for four years at Buffalo before being traded to Oakland, hurled 30 touchdown passes and completed 220 of 425 passes for 3,228 yards.

Boston's Jim Nance won his second straight rushing 100, gaining 1,216 yards and New York's George Sauer led the league's pass catchers with 75 receptions.

GOP Governors Claim Muscles Statistically

By WALTER R. MEARS
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican governors have turned out some statistics to prove they'll have plenty of muscle as the GOP selects a presidential nominee next year.

But they haven't yet figured out how to flex that muscle. Collectively, the 26 GOP governors would be a massive influence in the direction of the party and its choice of a nominee, but their influence is not being exerted collectively in the candidate field.

Here are the statistics compiled by the Republican Governors' Association.

The 26 states with Republican governors will have 302 electoral votes next year, 32 more than it will take to elect a president.

The same 26 states will send 560 delegates to the Republican National Convention, 33 more than it will take to nominate the Republican candidate and approve the party platform.

Republican governors states with about 75 per cent of the U.S. population, including 7 of the 10 largest states.

Despite the fact that many of the governors still are in the early stages of their terms, the party's congressional and state legislative bodies have responded in the past.

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previous visit. "That's past," he said. "I'm here to discuss the present and the future."

He added that he hoped the U.S. public is not going to hold the statement against him. "I leave here with a basic grasp of the situation," Romney declared.

"By our yardsticks — the measurements of our military men — we're winning the military actions," he said. "There are actions outside the military field, and there the enemy are winning some substantial victories."

"We have no way of measuring the military victories from the standpoint of the enemy's objectives. I personally am not impressed with the body count methods of measuring success. "It's such a big and complex situation and so few people understand it."

Romney said he felt that "generally" he was treated with courtesy by U.S. military and diplomatic officials and by representatives of the South Vietnamese government, including President Nguyen Van Thieu and Premier Nguyen Van Loc.

He was asked about a report from Robert L. Pisor, the correspondent in South Vietnam of the Detroit News, that U.S. Marines stationed just outside Da Nang had been briefed on what to say to Romney the night before the governor visited them. Pisor reported that an enlisted man told him after Romney's visit: "We were talked to ahead of time. We were told what to say."

Romney said he did not know that the Marines had been briefed before his arrival but added: "What we discussed there was not a particularly important aspect of the situation." Romney also was asked about a report in The New York Times that former President Eisenhower has eliminated the Michigan governor as a serious contender for the Republican presidential nomination.

"I'd prefer to rely on what Gen. Eisenhower wrote me before I left," he replied. "In essence, he was pleased that I had announced as a candidate and he was also pleased that the Republicans would have an opportunity to choose."

Wallace May Have Won His Calif. Bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Gov. George Wallace of Alabama appears to have won his bid to qualify for California's 1968 presidential ballot.

Wallace, whose drive to get the 66,073 California registrants needed to qualify his American Independent party was pronounced almost certain to fail by state election officials just two weeks ago, already has better than 77 per cent of that total in just nine counties.

H. P. Sullivan, assistant secretary of state, said Tuesday a certified total of 51,206 Californians have registered to date as American Independents in the state's nine major counties.

With Jan. 2 the deadline for registrations, said Sullivan, "It looks unofficially like he will make it."

Another 1968 candidate, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, meanwhile, called contemptuous a federal agency's rejection of his request for equal television and radio time to answer statements by President Johnson.

McCarthy, a Minnesota Democrat who says he'll challenge Johnson in several 1968 primary elections, wrote to Chairman Harold H. Hyde of the Federal Communications Commission: "I ask you for an explanation of this contemptuous handling of a serious matter that is new before the commission of which you are chairman."

McCarthy said the only notice he received of the FCC's decision came in reprints of the agency's public notices on its policies of political broadcasts and equal time, mailed by the FCC to Blinn Clark, the senator's campaign manager.

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Christmas Party at Nursing Home



Critical Letter Is Acknowledged

WASHINGTON (AP) — The authenticity of a letter that criticized Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller for vetoing a \$100,000 supplemental food stamp loan program in Phillips County was acknowledged by its author here Tuesday.

L. A. Kaye, chief of the Rural Services Division of the Office of Economic Opportunity, said he had sent the letter to Mrs. Pat House of Little Rock, a member of the staff of the New Democrat, the Arkansas Democratic party's weekly newsletter.

He said Mrs. House had directed an inquiry about the program to U.S. Rep. Wilbur D. Mills, D-Ark., who had forwarded it to him.

Had he known his reply was for publication, he might not have said "precisely the same thing" in exactly the same way, Kaye said, but the facts would have been the same. He added that he didn't feel his letter was "overly critical" of the governor.

After the letter appeared in the New Democrat, Glen Jernstad, director of the state OEO, questioned its authenticity.

It said the state Welfare Department had used a faulty method of determining which families were qualified for the loan program, which was designed to permit low income families to buy food stamps, but that since the program was supposed to be short-term, the OEO probably wouldn't investigate Rockefeller's veto.

The governor had acted on recommendations from Jernstad and the Welfare Department. Both said 98 per cent of the loan funds in Phillips County had gone to persons whose income exceeded \$30 a month, contrary to OEO guidelines.

Kaye said in his letter that the limit wasn't mandatory, and that exceptions to it were to be determined by the local Community Action Agency.

The agency in Phillips County protected the veto.

Chicago, the week of Aug. 25.

Gregory told newsmen in Chicago the Democratic party insulted Negroes by choosing the city as a convention site because Chicago "has not cleaned up its racial problems. They just use police force."

The New York Times reported that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower has eliminated George Romney as a serious contender for the GOP presidential nomination on grounds the Michigan governor "has been in so many sides of so many questions that one begins to wonder just where he does stand."

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More Boys Than Girls

In all the faces of mankind more boys than girls are born. The ratio is generally considered to average about 106 males per 100 females, or about 106 per cent males.

Not Satisfied With Shooting

WILMINGTON, Calif. (AP) — Dr. Paul H. Goodley walked into a drug store, felt a knife at his back and heard, "just keep walking."

Goodley pulled a .25-caliber automatic, whirled and shot his assailant five times, an accomplice once. Two wounded men later were arrested and booked. Goodley, 25, a physician and a reserve sheriff's deputy, wasn't satisfied with his performance Tuesday.

"Any time you put five slugs into somebody and he walks away, it's time to get a larger caliber weapon," he said of his pistol.

LBJ Hopeful for Cambodia Solution

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a sharp rebuff from Cambodia, President Johnson still hopes to find a diplomatic solution to the problem of Communist forces using Cambodian territory as a sanctuary from which to attack South Vietnam.

U.S. officials said Johnson intends to exhaust all the resources of diplomacy before considering other means of dealing with the problem.

Officials report, however, that pressures are growing inside the Johnson administration for military action if diplomacy fails.

The United States has charged several times previously that Communist forces — Viet Cong and North Vietnamese — were taking refuge in Cambodia when hard-pressed in South Vietnam and sometimes attacking U.S. and South Vietnam troops by operations from across the Vietnamese-Cambodian border.

On Dec. 4, the State Department reported Tuesday, the United States sent a note to the Cambodian government "as part of a sincere effort to provide the Cambodian government with information which would enable it to move toward a solution of a problem we believe should be of concern to the Cambodian government as well as the United States government."

The note proposed strengthening of an international control commission for Cambodia to enable it to prevent use of Cambodian territory by the Communists as far as possible.

It also stated, according to a State Department spokesman, that the United States respects the neutrality, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Cambodia and "has no hostile intentions toward Cambodia or Cambodian interests."

The proposal was reported in a Cambodian news item last week and made public by the government in Phnom Penh. Notes were exchanged through Australia and the United States and Cambodia had not had diplomatic relations since 1965.

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LBJ to Ranch for Year-End Vacation

By FRANCES LEWINE
Associated Press Writer
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson moved his office to his beloved Texas hill country ranch and settled down today for a year-end stay that aides expected to be "a fairly busy time."

The President announced he has invited Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol for a private and informal ranch visit Jan. 7 and 8.

And his press secretary, George Christian, said the President could be expected to stay in Texas at least through that time.

Bill signing and budget business was prime on the President's agenda, with budget director Charles Schultze, fiscal experts and some Cabinet members coming to the ranch to confer, starting in the next day or so.

Johnson also will be drafting his State of the Union message, presented annually to the re-convening Congress. Congress is due back Jan. 15.

It was to be a combination of work and relaxation for the nation's chief executive, who flew to Texas Tuesday afternoon after spending his first Christmas with his family in the White House.

The President's wife, Lady Bird, daughter, Luci, and her husband, Patrick J. Nugent, and the presidential grandson, baby Lyn, are at the ranch, too, along with three presidential dogs — two beagles and the President's favorite mongrel, Yuki.

Johnson arrived at Randolph Air Force Base here aboard his big jet plane dressed for relaxation in a brown sports jacket, tan shirt, tan slacks, brown loafers and wearing sunglasses in the bright Texas afternoon. He waved to the crowd of several hundred who gathered at the airport fence, but did not make his usual gesture of shaking hands.

Press secretary Christian said Johnson's first order of business probably would be bill signing — with more than 40 bills piling up from the window of the first session of the 90th Congress. They include a big education bill, broadened Social Security benefits and a foreign aid appropriation.

The Isle of Man is one of the British Isles but it is not an integral part of the United Kingdom.

Building Just Keeps Sinking

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — The chief plant engineer for Baltimore's Civic Center, Robert C. Fox, says the facility's southeast corner has sunk one and three-eighths inches over the last three years.

Fox said borings will be made next month to determine just what has caused the slant in the five-year-old structure's floor.

He said it may cost as much as \$100,000 to get the floor on the level again.

Pope Peace Mission Is Speculated

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In the wake of President Johnson's meeting with Pope Paul VI, reports spread in Vatican circles today that the pontiff will send a peace mission soon to North Vietnam.

It was impossible to confirm whether the reports were leaks inspired by leading Vatican officials preparing the ground for such a mission, or simply logical speculation.

The reports first appeared in the Turin daily La Stampa, considered usually well informed on Vatican affairs. Afternoon Rome dailies later carried much the same story.

There was no joint communiqué issued after the Pope and Johnson met the night of Dec. 23. The President stopped off in Rome on his way home from Australia to discuss Vietnam with the Pope.

Johnson said afterward he would agree to stop the U.S. bombings if the principle of mutual restraint was also accepted by North Vietnam.

He told the Pope American war prisoners held in North Vietnam were being denied their rights. He also added he would be keeping in touch with the pontiff in the days ahead on the Vietnamese issue.

The La Stampa story said: "After the meeting between Johnson and Paul it is expected that soon a Vatican delegation will be sent to North Vietnam."

It said the initial purpose would be to obtain more humane treatment for American war prisoners, but that this would provide the chance for political contacts with the hope of preparing the way for preliminary talks aimed at starting peace negotiations.

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The Negro Community

By Ester Hicks
Phone 4678 PR 4474

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Money is a bottomless sea, in which honor, conscience, and truth may be drowned. — Kozlay said it.

HOLIDAY GUESTS
Mrs. Niele Haland grandchildren of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Lois Dyson, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tatum of Grand Rapids, Michigan are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williams and other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Riley of Fort Smith, Ark. were Christmas morning breakfast guests of Mrs. Vera Deloney and her son, The Rileys stopped in Hope enroute to Dallas, Texas.

Other Christmas day guests in Mrs. Deloney's home were Miss Adell White, Mrs. Kate Dennis, Mrs. Lubertha Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robinson have returned to Memphis, Tenn. after spending a few days at home during his brief release from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith of Minden, La. had as holiday guests her mother Mrs. Carrie Hamilton and her uncle Mr. Tiny Watson of Ypsilanti, Michigan. They visited friends in Hope Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stuart had as holiday guests her sisters and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis and family of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Billie Ray Perry and family of Waco, Tex., James Perry of Stockton, Calif., Christopher Perry of Texarkana, Tex., Mrs. Wayne Hunter and family of Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Atris Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Hope.

They all motored to Texarkana Christmas day where they had a family reunion at the home of their father, Mr. Perry. Afterward, a part of the family motored to Waco, Texas, from where Sgt. Billy Ray Perry will leave for Vietnam.

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SIDE GLANCES

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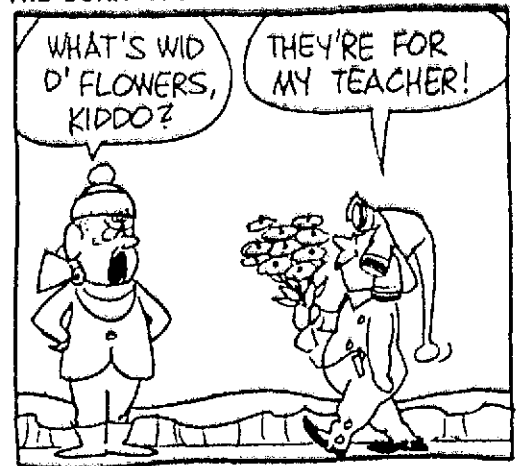
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THE BORN LOSER



By ART SANSON

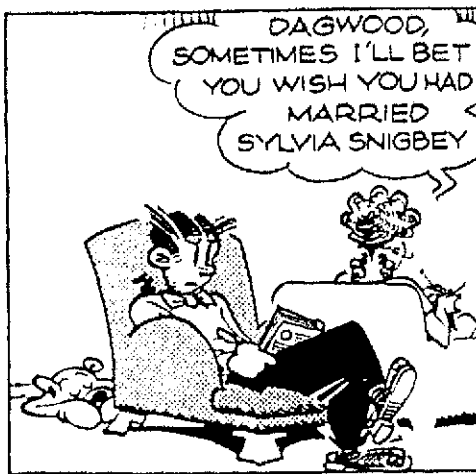
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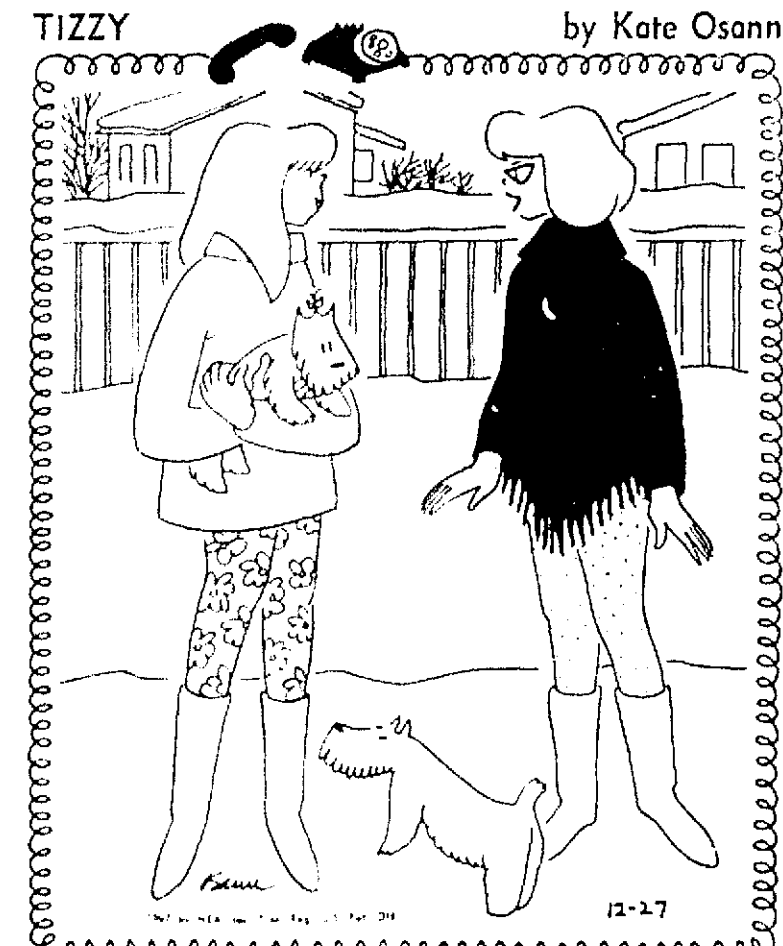


QUICK QUIZ BLONDIE

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A—The Constitution provides that each state shall appoint a number of electors equal to the combined number of its senators and representatives in Congress.
Q—Is it true that elephants are afraid of mice?
A—Zoo keepers say that elephants pay no attention to mice, and this doubtless is true of wild elephants.

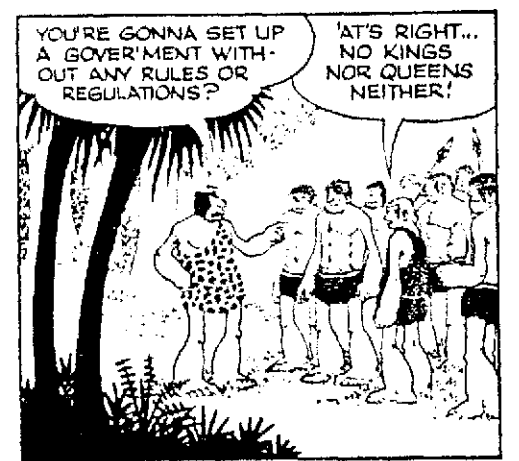


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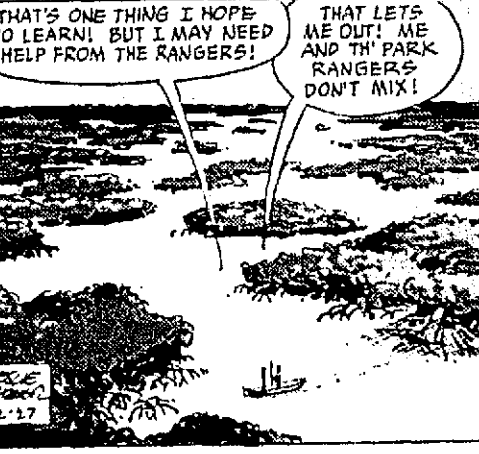
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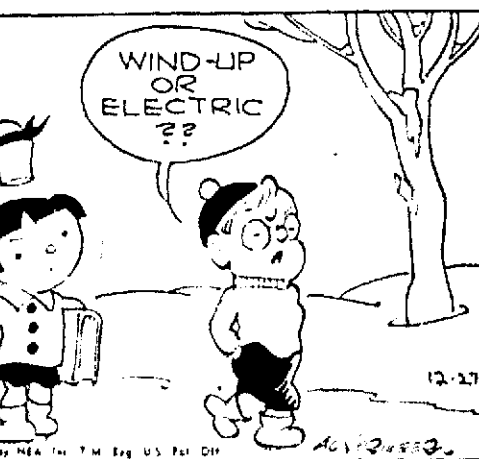
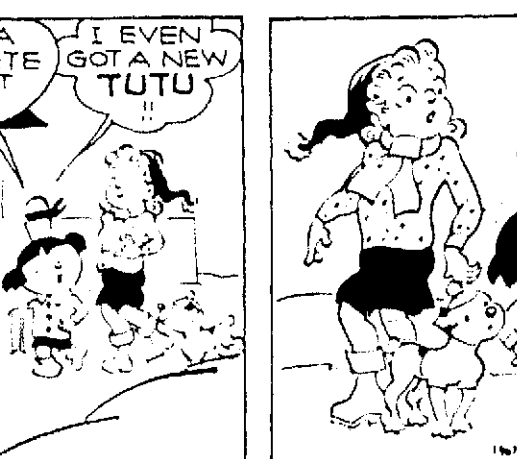
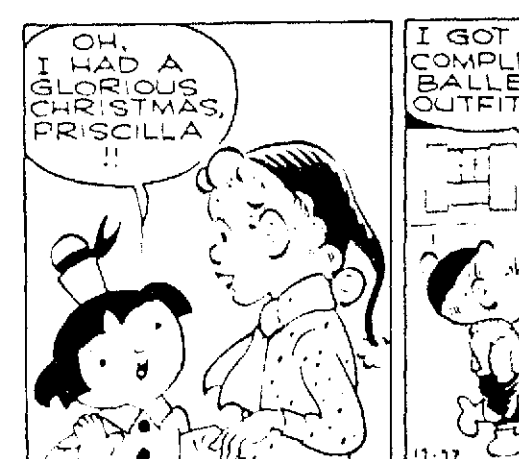
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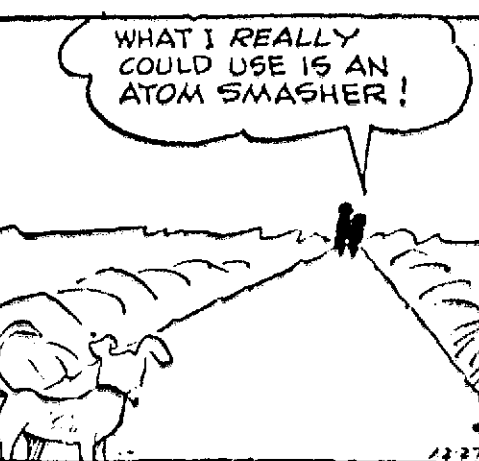
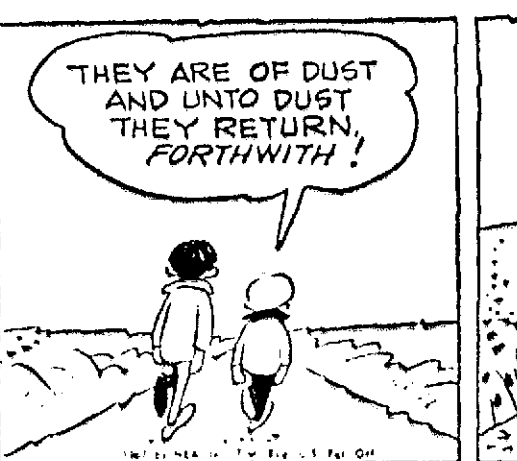
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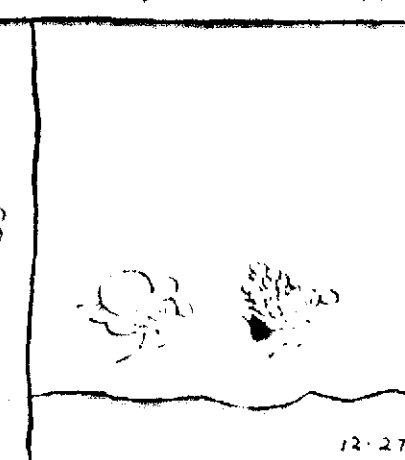
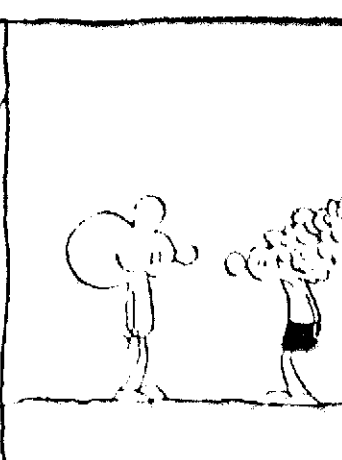
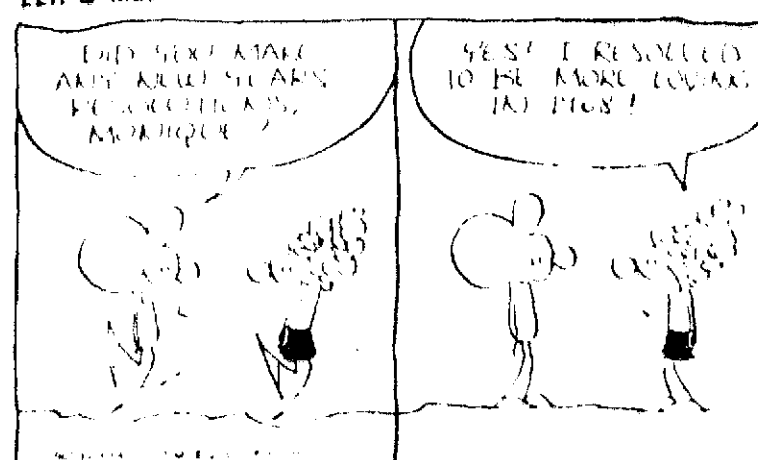
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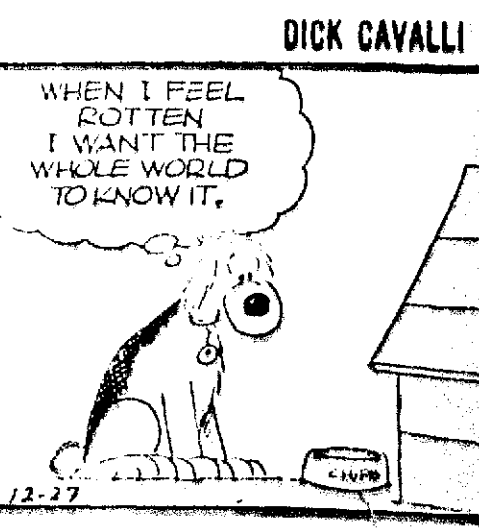
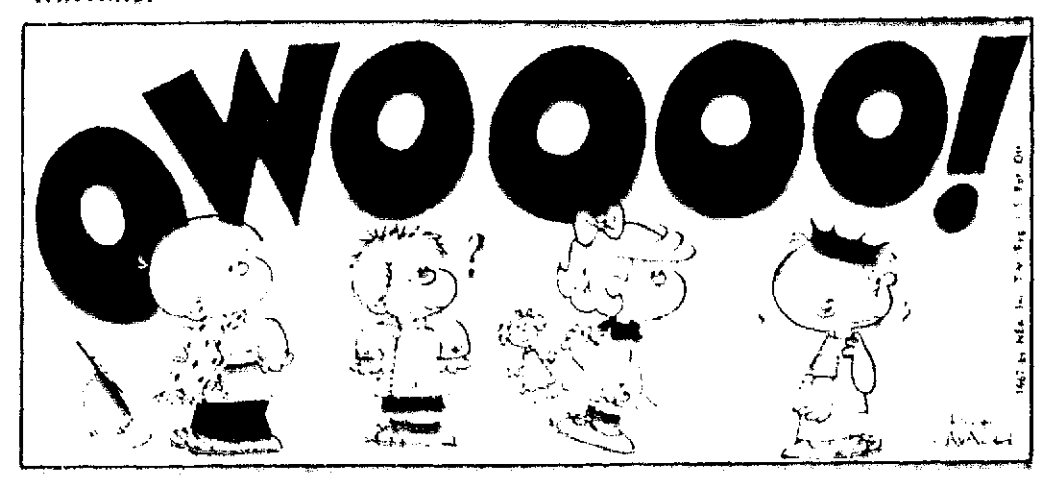
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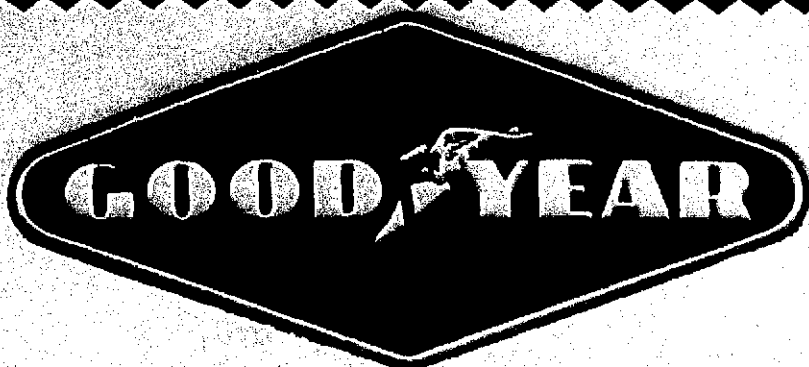
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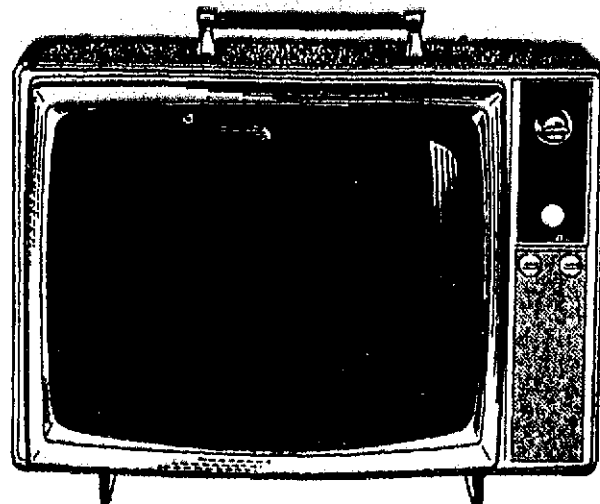
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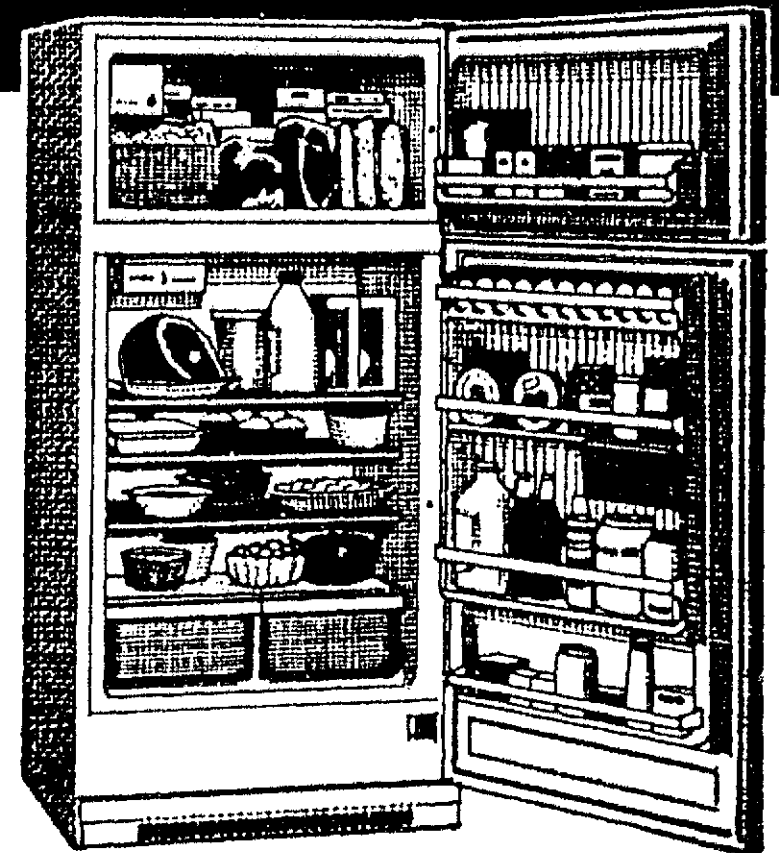
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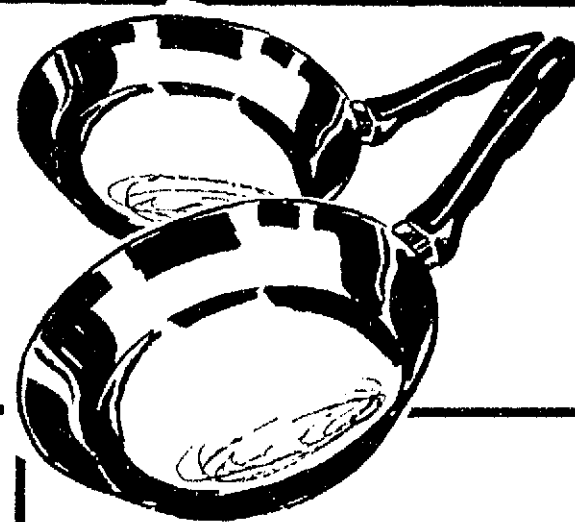
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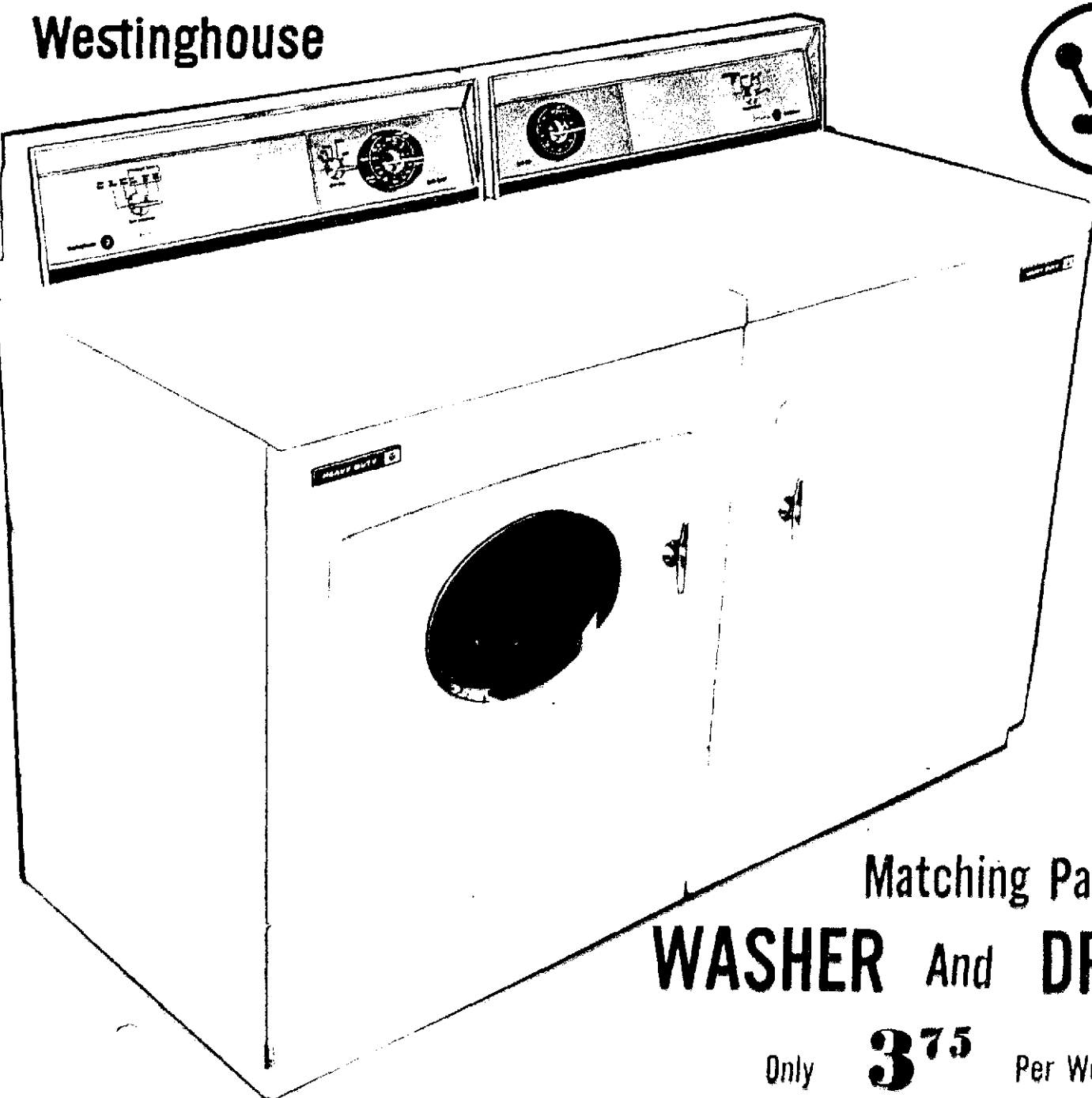
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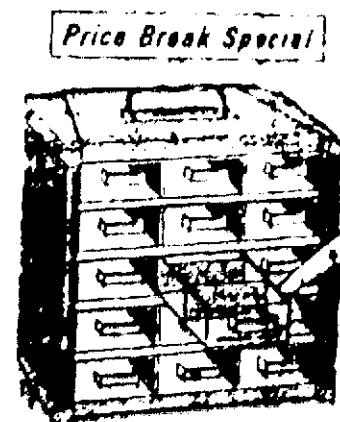
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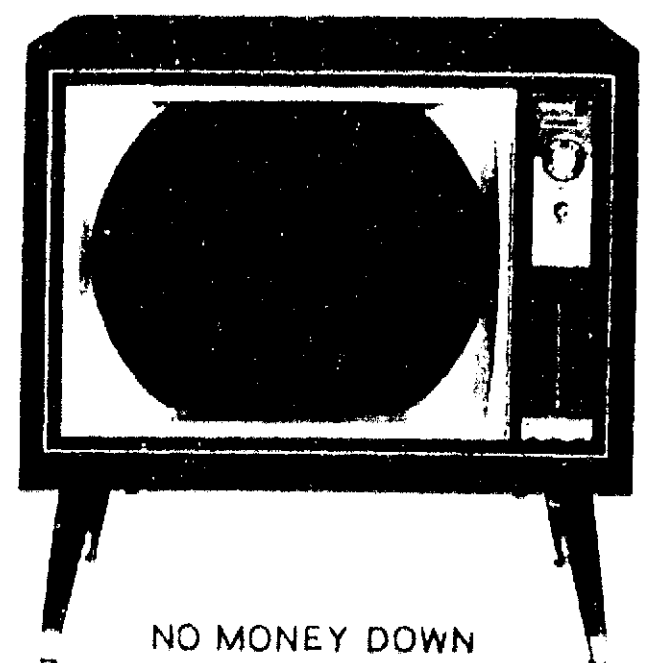
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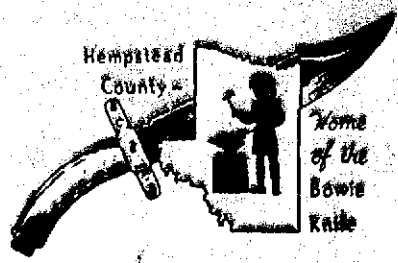
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Editor The Star: I am a friend of Doctor and Mrs. Otto J. Ritz.

On behalf of the survivors and their family and the two little girls in the Timbrook family, I want to thank you for your words of comfort in your column on Dec. 21.

It seems to me that there was deplorable negligence on the part of the state in not properly marking this well-traveled road known as U.S. Highway 67.

I am pleased to know that your article caused someone to do a little thinking and to take action. Thank you — and may the new year bring peace and happiness to you and those associated with you.

F. I. NOSWORTHY
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Dec. 26, 1967
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Two years ago this Friday — Dec. 20, 1965 — we left our old flatbed press to bring out The Star on its new 20-page Fairchild rotary offset machine. We made the switch a permanent one Jan. 7, 1966 — then, late that month, sold the old machine to a family firm owning a weekly newspaper in Monticello, Miss.

The Duplex flatbed, brand new when the late C. F. Palmer and I consolidated the Hope newspaper field in 1929, is almost 40 years old. But it performed perfectly for us up to the day we sold it, and, according to a letter from its present owners, is carrying on equally well for them.

A letter dated Dec. 23 from Malcolm S. Dale, editor and publisher of the Lawrence County Press, Monticello, Miss., encloses a 24-page Christmas edition in four sections. His father, J. M. Dale, is editor-emeritus, and the paper was founded by the grandfather, Joseph Dale, in 1886.

Writes "Mac" Dale: "Season's greetings from all of us here. Thought one of the best ways to greet you would be to let you know the Duplex is still giving superior service."

It was a bitter, snowbound day when Mac and his father left Hope almost two years ago with our old 12-inch press on a 300-mile journey to Monticello. But they made it — and the press has been making it ever since — which is as good a Christmas message as The Star's staff has ever received.

Boys Schools Ordered to Integrate

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A motion to require a desegregation plan from the boards of the boys' training schools at Pine Bluff and Wrightsville has been set for hearing Jan. 4 in U.S. District Court here.

John W. Walker, a Little Rock attorney, filed the motion on behalf of Mrs. Nora Mae George of Gould, whose lawsuit resulted in a ruling from the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that separate reformatories for white and Negroes are unconstitutional.

Robert D. Smith III, an assistant state attorney general who represents the two boards, has asked U.S. District Judge Owen Harris to delay action on the motion until the Arkansas General Assembly has had a chance to act on the matter in the special session expected in February.

Smith said he expected that a bill consolidating the boys and girls training schools under one department would be considered at the special session, and that the consolidation would facilitate desegregation.

Smoke Fatal to Semi-invalid

DE QUEEN, Ark. (AP) — Smoke inhalation killed a semi-invalid here Tuesday after a small fire broke out in his bedroom.

Authorities said J.C. Roberts, about 40, apparently had spilled some rubbing alcohol near a stove, touching off the blaze. Roberts was alone at the time.

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First Snow of Season in Arkansas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The first big snowfall of the season rode the heels of a cold front into Arkansas today, creating hazardous driving conditions and plunging temperatures well below freezing levels throughout the state.

Snow began falling early this morning in Fort Smith and North Arkansas as a strong high pressure center over South Dakota shoved the cold front into Northwest Arkansas.

Accumulations of two to four inches of snow were expected over North Arkansas before the snow ends tonight. One to two inches was expected over South Arkansas.

The U. S. Weather Bureau at Little Rock said the snow should begin ending tonight with clearing conditions and colder temperatures moving into the state. Low temperatures tonight are expected to be in the low to mid-teens over the northwest and drop to the upper 20s over the southeast.

The bureau said travelers warnings would be issued for most of the state today and that hazardous driving conditions would develop over all of the state before the snow ends tonight.

The traffic weight station at Fort Smith reported today that U.S. 71 north of Fort Smith to the Missouri line was ice and glazed and that some trucks were tied up at the Missouri line. U.S. 64 from Fort Smith to Clarksville was glazed.

As of 7 a.m. today Ozark reported 1 1/2 inches of snow, Blytheville one inch, Danville a half inch and Fort Smith three-fourths of an inch.

Overnight lows ranged from 23 at Calico Rock to 33 at Texarkana and El Dorado. High temperatures Tuesday ranged from 32 at Blytheville to 50 at Clinton.

Minor Damage to Sub That Hit a Reef

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Minor repairs face the U.S. nuclear submarine Guardfish, pulled off a reef near the Pearl Harbor entrance during high tide Tuesday.

The vessel ran aground Sunday night and attempts to dislodge it at high tide Monday were unsuccessful. There were no injuries and no radiation hazard.

Navy investigators were appointed to find out why the Guardfish ran aground on the reef to test the main and auxiliary propulsion systems.

Pound for Pound He Looked Like the Real Old Santa Claus

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP) — "Who did you say the new patient was?" asked Dr. Alphonse G. Cortez, the celebrated psychiatrist, turning to his nurse.

"He claims that he's Santa Claus," replied the nurse. "And pound for pound, he does look like the real thing."

"Well, show him in," said Dr. Cortez, who was currently treating two men patients who thought they were Napoleon, three female patients who thought they were Cleopatra, and one patient who thought he was both.

The door opened and in walked a short, pudgy man with a pug nose, closely clipped white hair and bright blue eyes. He was clean-shaven and wore a conservative business suit.

"Lie down on the couch, please," said the psychiatrist.

The fat man lay down, then pulled off a pair of bright red mittens and dropped them to the floor.

"You name, please?"

"Santa Claus. I told you nurse that."

"You occupation, please?"

"Surely you've heard of me, doctor," protested the fat man.

"You occupation, please?"

"Surely you've heard of me,



NOT PEGASUS, but 350 pounds of stainless steel wire welded into the shape of a frightened horse being attacked by a large eagle. The sculpture is shown with its creator, Nat Epstein, a Long Island metal products company president.

New Year Will Bring Good and Bad News for Many Taxpayers

By JOSEPH R. COYNE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — New Year's Day will bring both good and bad news for the American taxpayer. One tax will be erased from the government's books on Jan. 1 while another will be increased for many persons.

Higher Social Security taxes to be paid during 1968 will more than offset the repeal of the federal stamp tax on real estate sales which was voted in 1965 but doesn't take effect until next week.

That tax amounts to 55 cents for each \$500, or fraction, of a real estate sale and means between \$60 million and \$70 million each year to the Treasury Department. It is one of the fees collected from the home-buyer when he signs his settlement papers.

Although the social security tax rate won't increase for 1968, the amount of salary on which it

is levied will form \$5,600 to \$7,800. This will mean an additional tax of \$22.80 for a person earning \$7,600 or more during the year.

President Johnson has not yet signed the Social Security bill but is expected to do so shortly. Increased Social Security taxes and repeal of the federal stamp tax on real estate are the only two changes in the tax law which take effect Jan. 1.

But when Congress returns next month, the House Ways and Means Committee is again scheduled to take up President Johnson's proposed 10 per cent surcharge on individual and corporate income taxes and Treasury officials hope for speedy passage.

In addition to higher income taxes, that package also would postpone drops scheduled for April 1 in the 7 per cent manufacturers' excise tax on automobiles and the 10 per cent excise

See NEW YEAR (on page two)

Accident Is Fatal to Rudy Youth

RUDY, Ark. (AP) — A 12-year-old youth was killed and his cousin and aunt wounded Tuesday when a 30-30 rifle accidentally discharged as they got into their car at this West Arkansas community.

Crawford County Sheriff Bill Vickery of Van Buren said David Clifford Osman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lee Osman of Roseburg, Ore., died of a wound a few hours later in a Van Buren hospital.

Vickery said Osman and his cousin, Walter Hilyard, 15, of Mt. Hebron, Calif., were visiting here with an aunt, Mrs. Eva Peterson. He said the three were leaving to visit a grandmother.

The sheriff said Hilyard, who apparently didn't know the gun was loaded, was sitting on the front seat of Mrs. Peterson's car when he pulled the trigger of the gun which he was holding in his lap.

The bullet, which struck Hilyard's left arm, grazed Mrs. Peterson's shoulder and then went through Osman's neck, Vickery said.

He said Hilyard was in fair condition at a Van Buren hospital and that Mrs. Peterson had been treated and released.

See POUND FOR (on page two)

Thailand, Laos Cite Red Threats

By PETER O'LOUGHLIN
Associated Press Writer
BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's army commander said today three Communist battalions that include North Vietnamese are poised on Thailand's northern border and one is trying to cross. In neighboring Laos, the government declared it faced a general North Vietnamese offensive.

The battalion trying to cross into Thailand totals some 600 men and includes Thai insurgents drilled in North Vietnam, men of the Communist Pathet Lao movement in Laos and Meo tribesmen, said Gen. Prapas Charusathien, who is deputy premier as well as commander in chief of the army.

To check the threat, Prapas said, helicopters whirled into Nan province carrying government troops from Chiangrai, in northern Thailand and units from the 3rd Army Headquarters. The area where Thai troops and the Communists were reported facing each other is 350 miles northeast of Bangkok.

The Laotian Defense Ministry said in a communique late Tuesday that "reports arriving from various fronts confirm a general North Vietnamese offensive."

It reported attacks over the weekend on government army posts at Nam Bac, in Luang Prabang province, and at Phalane and on the outskirts of Nong Boualao, both in Savannakhet province, in southeast Laos.

"Our forces have been able to contain all these attacks," the communique said.

The communique also said that two North Vietnamese battalions had been ordered to move from Mahaxay toward Thakhek, a town on the Mekong River opposite Nakorn Phanom, a Communist hotbed in northeast Thailand.

The Laotian post at Nam Bac, north of Luang Prabang, the Royal Laotian capital, is within 100 miles of where Prapas said the three Red battalions were arrayed against his forces.

In Washington earlier sources at the Pentagon and the State Department were inclined to see nothing particularly serious in the report of Communist activity in Laos. There were suggestions that the Communists were raiding to get provisions from the rice harvest and that they were tightening their defenses along the Ho Chi Minh trail through eastern Laos, which North Vietnamese troops use going to South Vietnam.

However, no U.S. official would discount the possibility that major military activity might be in the offing in Laos.

There was no immediate comment from these officials on the situation in Thailand.

Communist insurgency has been intensifying in northeast Thailand for two years. Thai government troops have reported killing an estimated 300 terrorists and capturing 4,000 terrorists and sympathizers. Government losses are believed to be about 200 dead.

Inmate Stabbed to Death

CUMMINS PRISON FARM, Ark. (AP) — Bob Dean Baty, 28 of Sallisaw, Okla., an inmate here, was stabbed to death Tuesday by another prisoner, prison officials said.

Assistant Supt. John R. Price said other inmates told him Baty attacked Vernon Griffin, 31, of Bussey (Columbia County) over a previous gambling dispute, but that Griffin overpowered Baty and stabbed him several times with Baty's knife.

Griffin is serving 10 years from Pulaski County for grand larceny, robbery and possession of burglary tools. Baty was serving five years from Pulaski County for assault and attempted robbery.

Ashdown Girl Is Finalist

MEMPHIS (AP) — Jeanie Cobb of Ashdown, Ark., was one of 10 of Cotton finalists who began arriving here Tuesday to compete at 17 cotton-producing states in the annual contest. The winner will be selected Friday.

Possibility of Bigger and Bloodier Battles in Vietnam Feared

By PETER ARNETT
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP) — The Vietnam war spiraled to new heights in 1967. A year of action from one end of the country to the other has left knowledgeable Americans concerned at the possibility of bigger and bloodier battles ahead.

Both sides claimed numerous victories this year. In the terms of reference both used, both were right.

American commanders tend to analyze Vietnam in terms of World War II. The Communists see the war in terms of the fight to oust the colonial French in the 1950s.

As this year ends, military tacticians cannot determine that even one decisive battle has been fought. At the demilitarized zone, both sides are bogged down in the mud and slush of the monsoon season. Hill 875 and the other headlined heights of Dak To are being taken over again by the jungle and avoided by both sides since the bloody battles of November.

Many persons see 1967 as a curtain-raiser to a military showdown in 1968. This year's developments tend to support this thinking.

The Communists put to a severe test the allied tactics of attrition espoused by Gen. William C. Westmoreland. At the DMZ U.S. Marine officers estimated that casualties taken by both sides were on a one-to-one basis all year long.

Optimism about an early end to the war is based partly on the huge total of enemy dead—more than 80,000 this year by allied reckoning. But the Communists continued to commit men in seemingly pointless battles right up to the year's end.

Killings of more than 100 enemy troops at a time were confirmed, particularly along the Cambodian border north of Saigon. An American brigade commander said: "Don't let us forget that the Viet Minh lost an estimated half a million dead in the struggle against the French. They are much better organized now, and they have lost nowhere near that number in this war."

Another senior officer said: "Let's face it. Either because they don't know or don't care, the mothers of North Vietnam seem much less concerned about their sons than the mothers of America."

The near-suicidal commitment

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Child Hit and Killed by Car

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Lee Andrew Miller, 4, of Little Rock was killed here Tuesday when he was struck by a car driven by John Lundsford, 22, of North Little Rock.

Officers said Miller, who had been playing on a school playground shortly before the accident, apparently darted in front of Lundsford's car.

All Around Town

By The Star Staff

Charlotte Easterling has been chosen Prescott Junior Miss to represent the area in the 11th Annual Arkansas Junior Miss Pageant to be held December 27-29 in Little Rock. . . some 60 outstanding high school senior girls will be state delegates in the program. . . Miss Easterling is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Easterling of Prescott. . . she will perform her talent on December 28 at 1:30 p.m. and will appear in shows December 27-29. . . she is sponsored by the Bank of Prescott.

Mrs. Eva Crider received the following letter concerning her son, Tech, Sgt. Franklin Beatty. . . "I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your son's recent selection for promotion. . . he has earned future advancement by always giving us outstanding support. . . without his continued highly technical assistance and dedication to duty on a daily effort out squadron would not

enjoy the lofty position and reputation it now has. . . he is certainly a credit to this unit and the U.S. Air Force."

Jimmy Turner, Linda O'Neal, Martha Baler and Mrs. Joe Watkins are attending a MYFund Share-in at the First Methodist Church in Texarkana, Ark. December 27-29.

Richard Wayne (Dickie) Lewallen, formerly of Hope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lewallen of Pawnee, Oklahoma, was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas last Friday and has now accepted pastoral assignment in Bridge City, Texas. . . he is the grandson of Mrs. Riley Lewallen of Hope.

The annual AIC Holiday Basketball Tournament opens play Thursday, December 28 at 1:30 p.m. when the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys meet Oklahoma Baptist University at Southern State Fieldhouse.

Communist Battalion Hard Hit

By GEORGE MCARTHUR
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese soldiers and rocket-spewing American helicopters wiped out half of a Communist battalion Tuesday.

The Red force of less than 500 men left 203 bodies on the coastal battlefield just below the demilitarized zone and dragged off more dead and wounded when it slipped away during the night.

Fifteen South Vietnamese were killed, 59 were wounded, and the gunners of the crack 416th Viet Cong Battalion shot down two American helicopters and killed several more.

Three U.S. helicopter crewmen and an American infantry adviser were wounded, along with one Australian adviser.

It was the first major battle after the 24-hour Christmas truce proclaimed by the South Vietnamese. The fighting began more than 12 hours before the end of the three-day cease-fire ordered by the Viet Cong.

The battle flared early Tuesday when a South Vietnamese battalion swept out on a search-and-destroy operation northeast of Quang Tri city. The South Vietnamese caught the Red force in the coastal flats and pined it to the coast as a second government battalion was rushed up with armored vehicles to block the enemy's escape routes.

Artillery and jet planes pounded the Viet Cong, and then the helicopters whirled in with rockets and machine guns blazing. They were credited with a large part of the enemy casualties.

Heavy fire rained on the Viet Cong throughout the day and into the night, with flare-ships lighting the battlefield. By 1 a.m. today the enemy had evidently slipped out on the flanks, leaving 42 rifles and submachine guns and 10 heavier weapons in addition to the dead they could not carry away. Six prisoners were also taken, including one junior officer.

In the air war, U.S. pilots flew 150 missions over North Vietnam Tuesday, the largest number in five weeks.

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One Killed, 14 Injured in Blast

HANOVER, Mass. (AP) — Fire and explosion today ripped a frame building at the Atlantic Research Corp., manufacturers of antipersonnel mines for use in Vietnam, killing one person and injuring at least 14 others.

The small, wooden structure was used for mixing explosives, police said, and a small fire touched off the explosion.

Cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Twenty-seven persons were reported in the building. South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth received 12 victims and at least 10 were held for treatment. One man was reported in critical condition.

Two persons were taken to Brockton Hospital from the plant, located some 25 miles south of Boston.

The explosion tore off the roof of the building, one of several in the sprawling industrial complex.

Reporters were denied admittance to the area.

Mistake Worth Only \$3,200

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A search through the garbage at the Raleigh city dump Tuesday was successful when a bag containing \$3,200 was found. The money was three days of receipts from a newsstand at the city bus terminal and had been thrown into a garbage can by mistake.